

Sociology Research Paper

Ch. 7 of your book talks about deviance and crime. Your job will be to write an informative paper describing one aspect of deviance or punishment in American society. Your research paper will answer the following question: What factors in American culture have led to the steady rise of _____?

- The paper needs to be at least 3-4 pages long, double spaced, with 12 point (normal) font. (note: 3 pages does not mean 2 ½)
- You are required to have three sources, properly cited. One of them has to be a book or journal, but the other two can be electronic sources. Be sure to check your sources for validity. You will cite these sources in a works cited page, which does not count towards the total length of your paper.
- You will start your paper with an introductory paragraph and thesis statement.
- You will end the paper with a concluding paragraph.
- In your paper, you will need at least one paragraph to introduce your topic and describe what the specific deviance is that you're studying.
- The rest of your paper will spent be arguing for your thesis.
- After your concluding paragraph, add one more paragraph to tell me in first person what surprised you about your topic, how good you thought your sources were, and whether the sources agreed with each other. Note: the rest of your work is a formal paper and should have no first person.

Topics:

- Drug Abuse
- Alcoholism
- Family Violence
- White Collar Crime
- Corporate Crime
- Environmental Crime
- Suicide
- Physical Violence
- Hate Crimes
- The Death Penalty